

The Comickall Historie of

And it is meet I presently set forth.

Duke. I am sorry that your leisure serves you not.

Antonio, gratifie this Gentleman;

For in my mind you are much bound to him.

Exit Duke and his traine.

Bass. Most worthy Gentleman, I and my friend
Have by your wisdom been this day acquitted
Of grievous penalties, in lieu whereof,
Three thousand Ducats due unto the Jew,
We freely cope your courteous paines withall.

Ant. And stand indebted over and above
In love and service to you ever more.

Por. He is well paid that is well satisfied,
And I delivering you, am satisfied,
And therein do account my selfe well paid;
My minde was never yet more mercenary.
I pray you know me when we meet againe,
I wish you well, and so I take my leave.

Bass. Deere sir, of force I must attempt you further,
Take some remembrance of us as a tribute,
Not as fee: grant me two things I pray you,
Not to deny me, and to pardon me.

Por. You presse me farre, and therefore I will yeeld;
Give me your Gloves, Ile wear them for your sake,
And for your love Ile take this Ring from you.
Do not draw back your hand, Ile take no more,
And you in love shall not deny me this.

Bass. This Ring good sir, alas it is a trifle,
I will not shame my selfe to give you this.

Por. I will have nothing else but onely this,
And now me thinkes I have a mind to it.

Bass. There's more depends on this then on the value;
The dearest Ring in Venice will I give you,
And find it out by proclamation,
Onely for this I pray you pardon me.

Por. I see sir you are liberall in offers,
You taught me first to beg, and now me thinks
You teach me how a begger should be answered.

Bass. Good

the Merchant

Bass. Good sir, this Ring was
And when she put it on, she made
That I should neither sell, nor give

Por. That excuse serves many
And if your wife be not a mad woman
And know how well I have desired
She would not hold out enemy
For giving it to me: well, peace

Anth. My L. Bassanio, let him
Let his deservings and my love
Be valued 'gainst your wives countenance

Bass. Go Gratiano, runne and
Give him the Ring, and bring him
Unto Antonio's house, away, make
Come, you and I will thither presently
And in the morning early will we
Flie toward Belmont, come Antonio

Enter Nerissa

Por. Enquire the Jewes house
And let him signe it, wee'l away
And be a day before our husbands
This deed will be well welcome

Enter Gratiano

Grat. Faire sir, you are well
My Lord Bassanio upon more advice
Hath sent you here this Ring, and
Your company at dinner.

Por. That cannot be;
His Ring I do accept most thankfully
And so I pray you tell him: further
I pray you shew my youth old service

Grat. That will I do.

Ner. Sir, I would speak with
Ile see if I can get my husbands Ring
Which I did make him sweare to